(c) what is the percentage of such passengers in comparison to Cochin and Hyderabad Airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The traffic rights have already been granted for operations to Bangalore to Royal Nepal Airlines, Gulf Air, Malaysia Airlines, Cathay Pacific and Lufthansa Airlines. The Government of Singapore, United Kingdom and Sri Lanka have also approached the Government of India seeking access to Bangalore for their designated carriers.

(b) The actual number of international passengers embarking from Bangalore airport during the year 1999-2000 was 81257.

(c) The percentage of embarking passengers for the year 1999-2000 at Bangalore, Cochin and Hyderabad out of all India aggregate was 1.3%, 1.8% and 1.8%, respectively.

Direct flights from Geneva to Hyderabad and London to Hyderabad

4112. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Ministry of Civil Aviation for introducing direct flight from Geneva to Hyderabad, London to Hyderabad, etc., in view of the traffic and the willingness expressed by the air carriers; and

(b) if so, by when such services are going to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Hyderabad is not available as a point of call to the designated airlines of United Kingdom and Switzerland. Such matters are discussed in bilateral air services talks. However recently, designated airlines of Malaysia and UAE (Dubai) have been granted access to Hyderabad.